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SUBJECT: PRIVATE U.S. COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH "TFSC"

REF: LEDSKY-CRAWFORD LETTER OF 12/23/76

1. EMBASSY IS AWARE OF TURKISH CYPRIOT INTEREST IN BUILDING CITRUS PROCESSING PLANT IN NORTHERN CYPRUS AND WAS IN FACT ASKED BY TURK CYPRIOT MINISTER OF COMMERCE TO SEND TENDERS FOR PLANS, MACHINERY, AND EQUIPMENT TO RELEVANT U.S. FIRMS. WE SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THE SPECIAL SITUATION PREVAILING IN THE NORTH, WE WERE LIMITED IN THE ASSISTANCE WE COULD GIVE. WE DID, HOWEVER, REFER TURKS TO VARIOUS U.S. FIRMS IN THOMAS REGISTRY AND SUGGESTED THAT, IF THEY WERE REALLY INTERESTED IN PURSUING THE MATTER, THEY SHOULD CONTACT THE FIRMS DIRECTLY.

2. ADDITIONALLY, WE UNDERSTAND THAT C. FOREST WALLACE, WHO HEADS C. FOREST WALLACE AND ASSOCIATES OF SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. AND HAS EXTENSIVE CONTACTS AND EXPERIENCE IN CYPRUS AND NEAR EAST, HAS RECENTLY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH TURKISH CYPRIOTS REGARDING MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE. WE ALSO HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT PRELIMINARY CONTACTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH UNNAMED BUSINESSMAN WHO REPORTEDLY HAS CONTRACT TO SUPPLY ARAMCO WITH FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE EXPORTS.

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3. APART FROM THESE CASES AND FLEETING INTEREST IN TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ON PART OF ONE OR TWO U.S. FIRMS SEVERAL MONTHS EARLIER, WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT PRIVATE AMERICAN ECONOMIC OR COMMERCIAL INVOLVEMENT IN NORTH. WE SHALL, OF COURSE, KEEP ALERT TO DEVELOPMENTS AND REPORT ANYTHING OF POTENTIAL INTEREST.

CRAWFORD

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